



Juncus ensifolius

Common Name(s):

iris-leaved rush

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Distribution:

Scattered and local from Bay of Plenty, Westland and Canterbury.

Habitat:

Swampy roadsides and riverine wetlands.

Features*:

Loosely tufted or forming open colonies, less frequently densely tufted; rhizome slender, ± far-extending. Stems 15-70 cm high, laterally compressed, almost winged at lower nodes, cauline leaves 2-3. Leaves ensiform, ± curved, ± flat, blue-green, longitudinal and transverse septa visible externally, often incomplete. Inflorescence of 1-3 large, many-flowered, usually blackish, globose clusters, causing taller stems to incline. Tepals 2.5-3 mm long, all ± equal, acute to acuminate. Stamens 3-6. Capsule c. 3 mm long, > tepals, oblong, shortly mucronate, dark brown to black.

Flowering:

Summer

Fruiting:

Autumn

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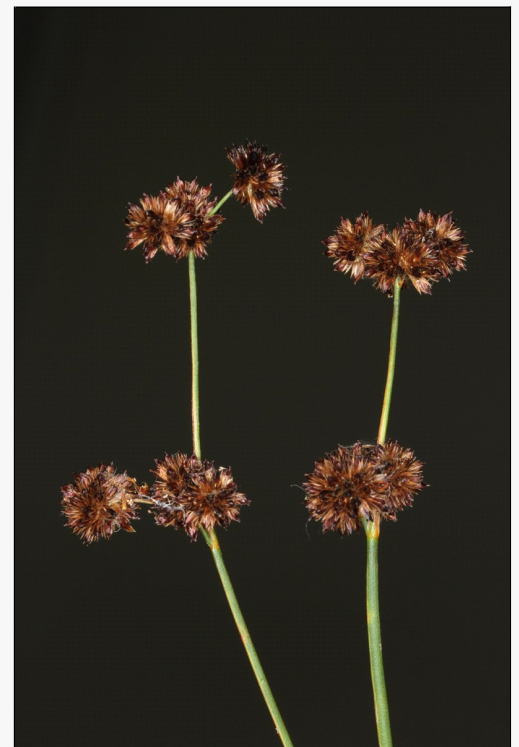
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